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Medals to miners and Quarrymen. The Royal warrant for the award of medals to miners and Quarrymen directed to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and in the District Gazettes. **January 7, No. 33, Rev. (Press).**

Military Forces in Native States. A tabular return of the Military Forces in Native States for 1907 forwarded to the Government of India. **February 19, Nos. 80-81 (Press, N.P.).**

Mules in Native States. The Government of India informed that, with the exception of one mule in Cochin and two in Pudukkóttai, there are no mules in the Native States under the Political control of the Government of Madras. **February 17, Nos. 73-74 (Mis.).**

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——— See Military forces in Native States (G.Os., 80-81, Press, N.P.).

Nayar Brigade, Travancore. A notification replacing the services of Captain J. C. Loch at the disposal of the Government of India, Foreign Department, directed to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*; and the Resident in Travancore and Cochin informed that the services of Lieutenant H. B. Leapingwell are placed at the disposal of the Travancore Darbar for appointment as Commandant, 1st Battalion, Nayar Brigade. **February 14, No. 71 (Press, N.P.).**

Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends. Copy of a letter from the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, stating that he has been detailed as a waiting member of a general Court martial ordered to assemble at St. Thomas' Mount, forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant-General for the information of the Major-General Commanding the 9th Division with the request, that, if there is no objection, orders issued in such cases may be communicated to the Paymaster through the Madras Government. **February 24, Nos. 89-90 (Mis.).**

Petition. The Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, requested to inform Khyr-ud-din Husain Khan that the Government find no grounds for reconsidering the order declaring the continuance in his name of the pension of his late grand-father to be inadmissible. **February 8, No. 58 (Mis.).**

Plague Passport station. Stated that the Government will be prepared to establish an inspection station at Shoranur and to make it a passport issuing station for passengers travelling by the Shoranur-Cochin Railway; and the Resident in Travancore and Cochin requested to report whether the Travancore and Cochin Darbars agree to the above proposals. **February 6, No. 150 P. (Mis.).**

Police recruits of Banganapalle State. The head constable in charge of the Recruits school in Kurnool permitted to receive an allowance of Rs. 4 per mensem from the Banganapalle Darbar for his services in training the —. **February 7, No. 222, Judl. (Mis.).**

Political Agent, Pudukkóttai. Mr. A. L. Vibert directed to assume charge of the office of Political Agent, Pudukkóttai, and His Highness the Raja of Pudukkóttai informed of the change in the Political Agency. **February 24, Nos. 91-92 (Mis.).**

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Records for the Pudukkóttai Darbar. The sum of Rs. 22 (less As. 12, the money order commission) which was sent for the purpose of obtaining certain records of the Tribunal of First Instance, Saigon, for the Pudukkóttai Chief Court, returned to the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai. **February 11, No. 62 (Mis.).**

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Separation of Local from General finance. The heads of account specified under which the items hitherto classed under the head Adjusting heads should be shown in view of the — ordered by the Government of India in Finance Department Resolution No. 6902—A. dated 19th November 1907; and directed that the budget estimates of the Proprietary Estates' Village Service fund, the Irrigation Cess fund and the Bhadráchalam Estates' Village Service fund need no longer be submitted to Government through the Accountant-General. **February 1, No. 72, Finl. (Press).**

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80 81 N.P.	19th „	No. 48 of 1907.	*Military Forces in Native States.*—Directing that a tabular return of the — for 1907 be forwarded to the Government of India.
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87	21st „	Nos. 613-14 of 1907.	*Pudukkóttai Transportation Regulation.*—Informing the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai, that the Government have no objection to the — being issued by the Pudukkóttai Darbar, but that it must be clearly understood that no undertaking can be given that the existing system at the Andamans will be maintained.

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83	20th Feb.	No. 299 of 1906.	*Cochin Forest tramway.*—Informing the Resident in Travancore and Cochin that M.R.Ry. V. Muthuveera Chetty accepts the terms offered by the Cochin Darbar in connection with the temporary appointment on the — and that he has been directed to report himself to the Diwan of Cochin.
84	20th „	..	*Companion of the Star of India.*—Acknowledging receipt of letter from the Secretary to the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India forwarding for delivery to the Honourable Mr. J. N. Atkinson, C.S.I., a covenant containing a provision for the due restoration of the decoration of Companion of the Star of India, a copy of the statutes of the order and a memorandum of information as to the wearing of the decorations of the Orders of the Star of India.
85	20th „	..	*Titles.*—Forwarding to the officers concerned for delivery to the recipients the sanads received from the Government of India conferring — upon certain gentlemen in the Madras Presidency and requesting them to furnish the Accountant-General with certain particulars regarding those gentlemen.
88	22nd „	No. 805 of 1900.	*Commutation of Carnatic Stipend.*—Approving the proposal of the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to commute the stipend of Aziz-un-nisa Begam and sanctioning the payment to her of a bonus of Rs. 233.
89 90	24th „	..	*Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.*—Forwarding, for the information of the Major-General Commanding the 9th Division, copy of a letter from the — in which he states that he has been detailed as a waiting member of a General Court-martial ordered to assemble at St. Thomas' Mount and requesting, if there is no objection, that the order issued in such cases may be communicated to the Paymaster through the Government.
91 92	24th „	Nos. 605-6 6 of 1907.	*Political Agent, Pudukkóttai.*—Directing Mr. A. L. Vibert to assume charge of the office of — from Mr. Butterworth, and informing His Highness the Raja of Pudukkóttai of the change in the Political Agency.
93	24th „	..	*C.I.E.*—Recording letter from the Hon'ble Mr. P. S. Sivaswami Aiyar acknowledging receipt of a copy of the Statutes of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire and a memorandum of information as to the wearing of the decorations of the Star of India and the Indian Empire.
94	24th „	..	*Arms for the State Preventive Force, Travancore High Range.*—Requesting the Government of India to accord their sanction to the supply, on payment, to the Travancore Darbar from the Madras Arsenal of six central fire 12 bore Chassepot breech-loading guns for the use of the —.
95	26th „	No. 583 of 1907.	*History of the Banganapalle State.*—Requesting the Superintendent, Government Press, to print and distribute 50 copies of the selection from the papers relating to the —.
96	27th „	..	*Loan of Services.*—Sanctioning the loan to the Sandúr State of the services of M.R.Ry. A. Gopalaswami Nayudu for a period of one year for employment as Abkári Inspector in that State.

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FOR THE

MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1908.

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5	8th Feb.	..	*Permission to reside in Travancore.*—Granting Mr. W. F. A. Neumann, planter, —.
6	8th „	..	——— Granting Mr. A. F. Porteous, planter, —.
7	12th „	..	*Kandiyan Pensioner.*—Forwarding to the Government of Ceylon copy of a letter from the Government Agent, Tanjore, reporting the death of — P. Tyagasimhala Raja.
8	14th „	..	*Petition—Carnatic Stipendiary.*—Rejecting under the rules for the submission of petitions to Government, petition from Ghulam Mohsin Ali Afzal asking for a pedigree certificate.
9	22nd „	..	*Commandant, First Battalion, Nayar Brigade.*—Directing the republication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of a notification appointing Lieutenant H. B. Leapingwell to be —.
10	22nd „	..	*Move of the Government of India, Foreign Department.*—Recording Circular Memorandum No. 442-G, dated 14th February 1908, regarding the — to Simla.
11	26th „	..	*Petition—Carnatic stipends.*—Rejecting under the Petition rules petition from Ghulam Haidar Hussain praying for the grant of a portion of the stipend enjoyed by his grandfather.
12	26th „	..	——— Rejecting under the Petition rules petition from Hyath-un-nísa Bégam asking for copies of certain documents.
13	26th „	..	——— Rejecting under the Petition rules petition from Shaikh Nadeem praying that he may be granted a pension for the services rendered by him under the late Nawab Khairfun-nísa Bégam Sahiba.

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G.O., No. 65, 13th February 1908.

Visit of His Highness the Raja of Pudukkottai to Madras.

Communicating to the officers concerned letter from the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai regarding the — and issuing the necessary instruction regarding the firing of salutes, the supply of infantry guard, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers:—

I

Letter—from A. Butterworth, Esq., I.C.S., Political Agent for Pudukkóttai.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—Trichinopoly, the 11th February 1908.
No.—Ref. on Cur. 87-O.

I have the honour to inform you that His Highness the Raja of Pudukkóttai proposes to pay an official visit to His Excellency the Governor at Madras on Saturday the 15th February 1908 and will for this purpose leave Trichinopoly Junction by Boat Mail at 7–48 p.m. on Friday the 14th instant and arrive at Madras at 7–25 a.m. on Saturday the 15th instant. Both the departure from Trichinopoly and arrival at Madras will be private.

2. His Highness' suite will consist of—

(1) the Diwan,
(2) the Councillor, and
(3) the Military Secretary to His Highness.

3. The Raja's residence will be Tulloch's Gardens, Nungumbaukum, Madras.

4. The Darbar explain that the shortness of the notice as to this visit is due to His Excellency's letter fixing the date of visit being received by His Highness only on the afternoon of the 10th instant.

5. The Darbar inform me that they are unable to state definitely the date of His Highness' return but the departure from Madras and the arrival at Trichinopoly will also be private.

II

Telegram—from the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—the 14th February 1908.

My letter 87-O., dated eleventh instant. Raja stays in Gopal Bagh, Bobbili Maharaja bungalow, Mount Road, Madras, and not in Tulloch's Gardens.

Order—No. 65, Political, dated 13th February 1908.

Communicated to the officers concerned.

2. The arrival of the Raja will be private.

3. The Colonel on the Staff Commanding Madras Brigade will be requested to be so good as to arrange for the firing of the usual salute on the arrival of His Highness and also for the supply of the usual infantry guard at His Highness' residence. The Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor will be requested to provide the usual escort for the Raja's arrival and during his stay at Madras.

(True Extract.)

H. Bradley,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai.
,, Inspector-General of Police.
,, Commissioner of Police.
,, Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
,, Military ,, ,, ,, ,,

Copy to the Public Works Department (Railway).
,, ,, Colonel on the Staff Commanding Madras Brigade.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 65, POLITICAL, DATED 13TH FEBRUARY 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Visit of the Raja of Pudukkóttai to Madras.*]

Extract from demi-official from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, to the Chief Secretary, dated 9th February 1908.

" As you know, I think, the Raja of Pudukkóttai has also asked for an interview and His " Excellency is writing to him suggesting that the Raja should pay his Darbar visit at 12 noon " on Saturday the 15th (when His Excellency would return it at 3 P.M. the same day) and " should have a private interview at 11 A.M. on Monday."

Under Secretary—

No official intimation has been received regarding the Pudukkóttai Raja's visit at Madras. It is not known whether the arrival is to be public. For the purpose of drawing up the ceremonial programmes for the exchange of Darbar visits it is necessary to ascertain where the Raja is going to reside. If the arrival is to be public, a fortnight's notice is required. If the arrival is private but if a salute is required one week's notice is necessary. Should it however be decided that these rules might be waived, the Political Agent may be asked to wire the hour and date of the Raja's arrival at Madras, also the Raja's residence. In any case information regarding the residence is necessary.

Why? Leave a blank.

A. GALLETTI.

Draft telegram submitted.

V.S.M.—10-2-08.

Issue the following demi-official to the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai:—

" I hear from Campbell that Pudukkóttai will interview His Excellency on the 17th, but " that he knows nothing about his arrangements.

" Salutes, escorts, programmes have to be thought about and ordered if he comes publicly. " You will let us know? "

[Issued as demi-official, dated 11th February 1908.]

Telephonic message—from the Under Secretary to Government, Political Department.
To—the Colonel on the Staff Commanding Madras Brigade.
Dated—the 11th February 1908.

It is understood that the Raja of Pudukkóttai, an eleven-gun chief, will arrive at Madras about the 15th instant. His Excellency the Governor will receive a Darbar visit from him at 12 noon and return the same at 3 P.M. on the 15th. Salutes and guards of honour will be required for visits. An infantry guard at the residence and if the arrival is public a guard of honour at the railway station will be wanted. Particulars regarding the exact date and hour of arrival and the place of residence will be intimated on the receipt of official communication.

Telephonic message—from the Under Secretary to Government, Political Department.
To—the Colonel on the Staff Commanding Madras Brigade.
Dated—the 13th February 1908.

Reference my telephonic message, 11th instant. Raja of Pudukkóttai is expected to arrive at the Egmore railway station at 7-25 A.M. on the 15th instant. The arrival is private but a salute will be required. He will reside at Tulloch's Gardens, Nungambaukam.

Formal orders are being issued.

I

From the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai, dated 11th February 1908, *R. C. No.* 87-*O.*

The Political Agent, Pudukkóttai, reports that His Highness the Raja proposes to pay an official visit to His Excellency at Madras on Saturday the 15th instant, and that His Highness's suite will consist of the Diwan, the Councillor and the Military Secretary to His Highness. The arrival of His Highness at Madras, as well as his departure, will be private.

Draft submitted.

V.S.M.—13-2-08.

II

From the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai, dated 14th February 1908.

Telephonic message—from the Chief Secretary to Government.
To— the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
the General Officer Commanding Madras Brigade.
Dated—the 14th February 1908.

Raja of Pudukkóttai will reside in Gopal Bagh, Mount Road, and not Tulloch's Gardens.

Issue draft order.

A.G.—13-2-08.

[G.O., No. 65, Political, dated 13th February 1908.]

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G.O., No. 66, 13th February 1908.

Contribution by Native States towards capital expenditure of State Railways.

Informing the Resident in Travancore and Cochin and the Political Agents for Pudukkóttai, Banganapalle and Sandúr that the Secretary of State has approved the proposals of the Government of India to allow Native Darbars to contribute, subject to certain conditions, towards the capital expenditure of State Railways constructed within or adjacent to their territories.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

Despatch—from the Government of India, Finance Department (Accounts and Finance—Railways).
To—His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.
Dated—Simla, the 4th July 1907.
No.—240.

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Despatch No. 150 (Financial), dated the 7th December 1906, according sanction to our proposal to allow Native States to contribute, subject to certain conditions, towards the capital expenditure of State Railways constructed within their territorial limits.

2. As desired by you, the terms which will govern each case will be fully explained to the Native State before any contribution is accepted from it; and it will also be made clear that the net earnings or losses, which are to be distributed between the Government of India and the Darbar in proportion to the capital contributed by each, will be calculated by deducting from the gross receipts not only ordinary working expenses, but also any payments made to working companies. We may in this connection mention that in addition to the terms stated in our Despatch of the 28th June 1906, we have decided to impose the following conditions :—

(1) the investment made by the Native State shall ordinarily be regarded as a permanent one, and the Darbar shall not be allowed to part with its interest in the line or with any portion of its interest except to the Government of India ;

(2) the Government of India shall be under no obligation whatever to purchase the Native State's interest in the line at any time. If the Darbar wishes to sell, and the Government of India agree to buy, the price paid shall be 25 times the average net annual profits received by the Darbar during the three preceding years for which the accounts have been made up.

These conditions do not require any separate justification; but we may explain that we have intentionally omitted any provision for the compulsory purchase of the Native State's interest in the line. We believe that such a power would be rarely exercised and that its reservation might suggest suspicion as to our intentions.

3. We have also accepted the suggestion made in paragraph 3 of your Despatch and have opened a new sub-head in our accounts to record the payment of surplus profits to companies and the future payments of net earnings to Native States. We do not, however, propose to open a corresponding receipt sub-head at present, as the necessity for it will not arise unless and until the working expenses of a line exceed the actual gross receipts.

4. Since we asked for your approval to the acceptance from Native States of contributions of capital for the construction of State Railways within their own boundaries, we have been urged to consider a further development of the principle. Several Darbars have applied to us for permission to contribute to the cost of lines in which they are interested, but which do not actually traverse their territories. If contributions in such circumstances will enable us to make more rapid progress than would otherwise be possible with the construction of lines which will directly benefit the Native States concerned, we do not think that we should be justified in refusing

their assistance unconditionally. Moreover, the contributions offered to us may frequently be drawn from hoards which it may be desirable in the interests of the Native States themselves to spend. We are of opinion therefore that the investments of the funds of Native States in lines outside their territorial limits, on the basis of a proportionate share of profits, may reasonably be encouraged, subject to certain clear limitations.

5. One of the most obvious of these limitations is that the line to which the Darbar proposes to contribute should adjoin its territories and be likely to assist in their development; there would be no advantage in allowing a Native State to share in the profits of our railway enterprise in a distant part of India. Another limitation on which we would lay considerable stress is that the funds offered as contributions to railway capital should not be raised by borrowing. To permit a Native State to issue a loan for railway construction would not necessarily increase the total volume of loan funds available for such construction. There would be no reasonable ground for objecting to such a course when the railway lies within the Darbar's own territory; but we do not think we ought to allow contributions of this nature in the case of railways outside its territorial limits, and thus to surrender to the Darbar a share of the profits which would otherwise have accrued to us. In our opinion, it is only where a Native State possesses an accumulation of cash and securities beyond a reasonable working balance and a provision for famine expenditure, that the permission to provide funds for railway construction outside its territories should be given.

6. When therefore application is made by Native States for permission to contribute towards the capital expenditure on State Railways situated outside their territorial limits, we propose to consider each such application on its merits, and to grant the necessary permission on the following terms:—

(1) that the Darbar is prepared to provide the funds from surplus cash or securities in its possession, after setting apart a sufficient reserve to meet probable expenditure in the event of famine; but not from loan funds, whether the latter are provided by its subjects or not;

(2) that the line is adjacent to and likely to benefit the Native State;

(3) that the amount of the contribution will be determined by the Government of India on an estimate of the extent of the Darbar's interest in the railway; and

(4) that when the railway lies wholly or in part within the territory of another Native State, that State should first be given a reasonable opportunity of contributing to its cost to the extent determined in (3) above.

Where such permission is granted, the terms regarding distribution of profits, the management of the line and the transfer or purchase of the Darbar's interest in the line will be the same as those which it has been decided to impose in the case of lines situated within the territorial limits of the Native State.

7. As we have already mentioned, we have received applications from Native States for permission to contribute towards the cost of State Railways outside their territories; and we trust that we have your approval in dealing with them on the principles described above. The effect of all such contributions on the railway programme will be regulated in the manner indicated in paragraph 2 of your Despatch of the 7th December 1906.

Despatch—from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.
To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council.
Dated—India Office, London, the 4th October 1907.
No.—139, Financial.

In your letter in the Finance Department, No. 240 of 4th July 1907, you inform me that you have decided to impose certain additional conditions on the contribution of funds by Native States for the construction of railways within their territorial limits, *viz.*, (1) that the investment made by the Native State shall ordinarily be regarded as a permanent one, and the Darbar shall not be allowed to part

with its interest in the line or with any portion of its interest except to the Government of India; (2) that the Government of India shall be under no obligation to purchase the Native State's interest in the line at any time; that if the Darbar wishes to sell and the Government of India agree to buy, the price shall be 25 times the average net annual profits received by the Darbar during the three preceding years for which the accounts have been made up.

2. You are also in favour of encouraging Native States to invest funds on a profit-sharing basis in lines outside their own territorial limits. The policy is one which appears to me to be desirable on financial grounds, and in the interests of the development of the country.

3. You propose that each application from a Native State to contribute to the capital expenditure of a line outside its territory shall be considered on its merits, and that permission to contribute, if granted, shall be subject to the following conditions:—

(1) that the Darbar is prepared to provide the funds from surplus cash or securities in its possession, after setting apart a sufficient reserve to meet probable expenditure in the event of famine; but not from loan funds, whether provided by its subjects or not;

(2) that the line is adjacent to and likely to benefit the Native State;

(3) that the amount of the contribution will be determined by the Government of India on an estimate of the Darbar's interest in the railway; and

(4) that when the railway lies wholly or in part within the territory of another Native State, that State shall be given a reasonable opportunity of contributing to its cost to the extent determined under condition (3).

4. You further propose that the terms regarding distribution of profits, the management of the line, and the transfer or purchase of the Darbar's interest in it shall be the same as those to be applied to lines situated within the limits of the Native State.

5. Your proposals have my approval.

No. 274 *I.B.*

A copy of each of the foregoing despatches is forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, for information and guidance.

2. The orders should not be communicated to the Darbars of Native States in Madras.

(By Order.)

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT,
Fort William, the 18*th January* 1908.

E. BARNES, Major, I.A.,
Asst. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Order—No. 66, Political, dated 13th February 1908.

Recorded.

2. The Resident in Travancore and Cochin, and the Political Agents for Pudukkóttai, Banganapalle and Sandúr will be informed that His Majesty's Secretary of State for India has approved of the proposals of the Government of India to allow Native Darbars to contribute, subject to certain conditions, towards the capital expenditure of State Railways constructed within or adjacent to their territories.

3. The terms which will govern each case will be fully explained to the Native State before any contribution is accepted from it; and it will also be made clear that the net earnings or losses which are to be distributed between the Government of India and the Darbar in proportion to the capital contributed by each will be

calculated by deducting from the gross receipts not only ordinary working expenses, but also any payments made to working companies. The investment made by the Native State will ordinarily be regarded as a permanent one and the Darbar will not be allowed to part with its interest in the line or with any portion of its interest except to the Government of India. The Government of India will be under no obligation whatever to purchase the Native State's interest in the line at any time. If the Darbar wishes to sell and the Government of India agree to buy, the price paid will be 25 times the average net annual profits received by the Darbar during the three preceding years for which the accounts have been made up.

4. In the case of applications from Native States for permission to contribute towards the capital expenditure on State Railways situated outside their territorial limits each such application will be considered on its merits and the necessary permission will be granted on the following terms:—

(1) that the Darbar is prepared to provide the funds from surplus cash or securities in its possession, after setting apart a sufficient reserve to meet probable expenditure in the event of famine; but not from loan funds, whether the latter are provided by its subjects or not;

(2) that the line is adjacent to and likely to benefit the State;

(3) that the amount of the contribution will be determined by the Government of India on an estimate of the extent of the Darbar's interest in the railway; and

(4) that when the railway lies wholly or in part within the territory of another Native State, that State should first be given a reasonable opportunity of contributing to its cost to the extent determined in condition (3).

When such permission is granted, the terms regarding distribution or profits, the management of the line and the transfer or purchase of the Darbar's interest in the line will be the same as those which it has been decided to impose in the case of lines situated within the territorial limits of the Native State.

5. These orders should not be communicated to the Darbars of the Native States.

(True Extract.)

H. BRADLEY,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin,
,, Political Agent, Pudukkóttai,
,, ,, ,, Banganapalle,
,, ,, ,, Sandúr,
(Paragraphs 2 to 5 of order only).

Copy to the Public Works department (Railway).

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G.O., No. 67, 13th February 1908.

Schooling charges for the children of Kandyan pensioners.

Communicating to the Government Agent, Tanjore, to the Collectors of Madura and Trichinopoly and to the Accountant-General letter from the Ceylon Government approving the suggestion that a sum of Rs. 1,500 *per annum* be provisionally fixed as the limit up to which — in the Madras Presidency may be incurred.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O., No. 459, Political, dated 13th September 1907.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Government Agent, Tanjore, and the Accountant-General letter from the Ceylon Government fixing the sum of Rs. 700 as the limit up to which such schooling charges for the children of Kandyan pensioners may be incurred *per annum* and authorising payment up to that amount.

II

G.O., Nos. 4, 5, Political, dated 2nd January 1908.

ABSTRACT.—Informing the Government Agent, Tanjore, that the limit of Rs. 700 fixed in letter from the Ceylon Government, No. 17508, dated the 7th September 1907, within which schooling charges for the children of Kandyan pensioners may be incurred refers to the Tanjore district, and directing that the Ceylon Government be addressed in regard to the fixing of a limit for the whole Presidency.

III

Letter—from the Colonial Secretary, Ceylon.
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
Dated—Colombo, the 7th February 1908.
No.—1372.

With reference to your letter No. 5 of the 2nd January 1908, I am directed to approve your suggestion that a sum of Rs. 1,500 per annum be provisionally fixed as the limit up to which schooling charges for the children of Kandyan pensioners in the Madras Presidency may be incurred.

Order—No. 67, Political, dated 13th February 1908.

Communicated to the Government Agent, Tanjore, to the Collectors of Madura and Trichinopoly and to the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

H. BRADLEY,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Government Agent, Tanjore.
,, Collector of Madura.
,, ,, of Trichinopoly.
,, Accountant-General.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 67, POLITICAL, DATED 13TH FEBRUARY 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Schooling charges for the children of Kandyan pensioners.*]

Previous papers.

G.O., 260, *Political*, 30*th May* 1907.
„ 393 „ 12*th August* „

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G.O., 459, *Political*, 13*th September* 1907.

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G.O., 4–5, *Political*, 2*nd January* 1908.

III

From the Government of Ceylon, dated 7*th February* 1908, *No.* 1372.

G.O., 459, Political, 13th September 1907.

Letter No. 5, Political, 2nd January 1908.

In their letter No. 17508, dated the 7th September 1907, the Ceylon Government approved the proposal that the sum of Rs. 700 should be fixed as the limit up to which schooling charges for the children of Kandyan pensioners in the Tanjore district may be incurred. This Government subsequently suggested to the Ceylon Government that as such charges were at present incurred not only in the Tanjore but also in the Madura and Trichinopoly districts, and as transfers of boys from one district to another were not unknown, it would be a better arrangement to fix a provincial maximum of Rs. 1,500. The Ceylon Government have approved this suggestion.

Draft submitted.

H.W.—10-2-08.
V.S.M.—11-2-08.

Issue.

A. GALLETTI—12-2-08.

[G.O., No. 67, Political, dated 13th February 1908.]

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G.O., No. 71, 14th February 1908.

Nayar Brigade.

Directing the publication of a notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette* replacing the services of Captain J. C. Loch, I.A., at the disposal of the Government of India, Foreign department, and informing the Resident in Travancore and Cochin that the services of Lieutenant H. B. Leapingwell are placed at the disposal of the Travancore Darbar for appointment as Commandant, First Battalion, —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter—from R. C. C. CARR, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—Trivandrum, the 30th December 1907.
No.—Ref. on C. 2364.

I have the honour to report that Captain J. C. Loch, Commandant of the First Battalion, Travancore Nayar Brigade, has applied to the Travancore Darbar for permission to resign his appointment and to revert to military duty as early as possible. At the instance of the Darbar I request that the Government will be pleased to lend the services of another officer for employment in his place. The salary of the appointment is Rs. 500 *per mensem.*

2. It has been customary for officers Commanding the two Battalions of the Nayar Brigade to take rank and precedence locally according to the dates of their appointment to the Brigade irrespective of their Army rank. Accordingly the officer who comes in place of Captain J. C. Loch will in the Nayar Brigade be junior to Lieutenant L. D. Rollo.

3. As Captain J. C. Loch desires to be relieved as early as possible the favour of a reply by wire is requested.

II

Telegram—from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
To—the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.
Dated—the 7th January 1908.
No.—931.

Captain J. C. Loch, Commandant, First Battalion, Nayar Brigade, Travancore, wishes [to] resign that appointment and revert [to] British service. Governor in Council will be much obliged if His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief could recommend [a] suitable officer to take the place of Captain Loch. Appointment carries consolidated salary of [Rs. 500. Officer appointed will in Nayar Brigade be junior to Lieutenant Rollo—*vide* my letter 268-1, dated 20th February 1907.

III

Telegram—from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—the 16th January 1908.

My letter 2364, thirtieth. Captain Loch wishes leave Trivandrum twenty-fifth instant to rejoin regiment. Darbar has no objection. Please wire permission. Letter follows.

IV

Telegram—from the Chief Secretary to Government.
To—the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
Dated—the 17th January 1908.
No.—19.

Your telegram 16th. Captain Loch may leave Trivandrum twenty-fifth provided first battalion can remain without Commandant or under command of next officer. Question of successor under consideration.

V

Telegram—from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
To—the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.
Dated—the 17th January 1908.
No.—20.

Reference my telegram No. 931, dated 7th instant. Lieutenant H. A. Hill, 88th Carnatic Infantry, has applied for appointment of Commandant, First Battalion, Nayar Brigade, Travancore. Does His Excellency Commander-in-Chief consider him suitable.

VI

Letter—from R. C. C. CARR, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—Trivandrum, the 16th January 1908.
No.—R.O.C. 2364.

In continuation of my letter of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to submit copy of a letter from Captain Loch requesting permission to leave Trivandrum on or before the 25th instant.

2. As the matter is urgent I am to-day wiring as follows:—

My letter 2364, 30th December. Captain Loch wishes leave Trivandrum 25th instant to rejoin regiment. Darbar has no objection. Please wire permission. Letter follows.

3. The Darbar are quite willing to allow Captain Loch to go and state that Mr. Rollo can take charge of his duties temporarily.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter—from Captain J. C. LOCH, Commanding First Battalion, Nayar Brigade.
To—the Staff Officer, Nayar Brigade.
Dated—the 13th January 1908.

With reference to my application to return to military duty, dated 20th December 1907, I have the honour to inform you that since that date I have been definitely told that my name has been submitted to Army Head-quarters for employment as Signalling Instructor to the class assembling at Poona on 15th February 1908.

As I am also informed that I should rejoin my regiment at Bareilly before taking over the appointment at Poona, and as I should be at Poona some days before the commencement of the class in order to indent for and take over equipment, I shall feel exceedingly obliged if I may be permitted to leave here as soon as sanction can be obtained, if possible by 25th instant.

VII

Telegram—from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
Dated—Calcutta, the 20th January 1908.
No.—336.

Your 20, 17th. Chief would rather not make any recommendation regarding Lieutenant Hill, 88th Infantry, until he has received replies to enquiries now being made regarding other possible candidates for appointment Commandant, First Battalion, Nayar Brigade.

VIII

Telegram—from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
To—the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.
Dated—the 23rd January 1908.
No.—31.

Your telegram 336, twentieth. Lieutenant H. B. Leapingwell, 97th Deccan Infantry, is another applicant [for] Commandant, Nayar Brigade, Travancore, and is believed possibly more suitable than Lieutenant Hill. Please place his name also before His Excellency [the] Commander-in-Chief.

IX

Telegram—from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
Dated—the 1st February 1908.
No.—538.

Your 31, 23rd January. Lieutenant Leapingwell, 97th Infantry, nominated for appointment Commandant, First Battalion, Nayar Brigade, and his services are available.

X

Telegram—from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
To—the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department.
Dated—the 5th February 1908.
No.—54.

Reference Foreign department telegram No. 1569-G., dated 8th October 1903. Captain J. C. Loch, Commandant, First Battalion, Nayar Brigade, Travancore, has applied for permission to resign his appointment in the Brigade. His services are accordingly replaced at the disposal of the Government of India. Lieutenant H. B. Leapingwell, 97th Deccan Infantry, is a candidate for the vacancy and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief nominates him for the post and states that his services are available. If there is no objection, please place his services at the disposal of the Madras Government. The appointment carries a consolidated salary of Rs. 500.

XI

Telegram—from the Government of India, Foreign Department, Calcutta.
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras
Dated—the 13th February 1908.
No.—691-I.A.

Your telegram 54, dated 5th instant. Lieutenant Leapingwell has been directed to report himself as early as possible to you for orders. Usual notifications will issue in due course.

Order—No. 71, Political, dated 14th February 1908.

The services of Captain John Carysfort Loch, Indian Army, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of India, Foreign department.

2. The following telegrams will be despatched :—

(1) *To Foreign, Calcutta.*

70. Reference correspondence ending [with] Foreign department telegram [No.] 691-I.A., [dated] 13th instant. Services [of] Captain Loch are replaced [at the] disposal [of the] Government of India.

(2) *To Resident, Travancore and Cochin.*

71. Reference correspondence ending with your letter [No.] 2364, [dated], 16th January. Services of Lieutenant H P. Leapingwell, 97th Deccan Infantry [are] placed [at the] disposal of [the] Darbar for [the] post of Commandant, First Battalion, Nayar Brigade, *vice* Captain Loch. Please report date of joining.

3. The Assistant Adjutant-General, 9th (Secunderabad) division, is requested to direct Lieutenant H. B. Leapingwell to join his appointment as early as possible.

(True Extract.)

J. N. Atkinson,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
,, Assistant Adjutant-General, 9th (Secunderabad) division.

Copy to the Controller of Military Accounts.

Gazette.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 71, POLITICAL, DATED 14TH FEBRUARY 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Appointment of Lieutenant H. B. Leapingwell as Commandant, First Battalion, Nayar Brigade.*]

Previous papers.

G.O., 492,	*Political*,	*12th October*	1903.
„ 66	„	*8th February*	1905.
„ 351	„	*7th June*	1906.
„ 183	„	*19th April*	1907.

I

From the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated 30*th December* 1907, *R.O.C. No.* 2361.

The Resident reports that Captain J. C. Loch, Commandant of the 1st Battalion, Travancore Nayar Brigade, has applied for permission to resign his appointment and to revert to military duty as early as possible and requests Government to lend the services of another officer for the appointment.

2. If His Excellency the Governor has no officer in view, the draft telegram to the Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief below may issue.

E.K.G.—4-1-08.

V.S.M.—4-1-08.

A. GALLETTI—4-1-08.

A. L[AWLEY]—6-1-08.

[Telegram to the Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief in India, dated 7th January 1908, No. 931—**II**.]

III

Telegram from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated 16*th January* 1908.

No reply has yet been received to the telegram sent to the Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief on the 7th instant asking for the selection of a successor to Captain Loch.

2. Submitted that the Resident may be told that, provided the 1st Battalion of the Nayar Brigade can remain without a Commandant or under the command of the next officer for a short while, Captain Loch may leave Trivandrum on the 25th instant. When the Commander-in-Chief recommends an officer in the place of Captain Loch, the latter's services should be formally replaced at the disposal of the Government of India.

Vide precedent in G.O., 183, 19th April 1907.

Draft telegram to the Resident is submitted.

V.S.M.—16-1-08.

A.G.—17-1-08.

Issue.

H. BRADLEY—17-1-08.

[Telegram to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, No. 19, dated 17th January 1908—**IV**.]

Demi-official—from Major GEO. GLYNN, Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—the 16th January 1908.

" I do not know if any name has been submitted to you for the appointment of Commandant, " Nayar Brigade, Travancore, but an application has come in from Lieutenant H. A. Hill of the " 88th Carnatic Infantry who is anxious to get the appointment."

Draft telegram to the Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief is submitted.

E.K.G.—17-1-08.

V.S.M.—17-1-08.

A.G.—17-1-08.

Issue.

H.B.—17-1-08.

[Issued as telegram No. 20, dated 17th January 1908—**V**.]

VI

From the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated 16th January 1908, R.O.C. No. 2364.

Submitted for perusal. The file may await the receipt of a reply from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

E.K.G.—20-1-08.

V.S.M.—20-1-08.

A.G.—20-1-08.

VII

From the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, dated 20th January 1908, No. 336.

The Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief states that the Commander-in-Chief would rather not make any recommendations regarding Lieutenant Hill until he has received replies to enquiries made regarding other candidates. For orders whether the file may now be sent to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor for information or whether the receipt of a further communication from the Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief may be awaited.

E.K.G.—21-1-08.

V.S.M.—21-1-08.

A.G.—21-1-08.

Await further information.

H.B.—21-1-08.

Demi-official—from Major GEO. GLYNN, Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—Guindy, the 21st January 1908.

"Lieutenant H. B. Leapingwell of the 97th Deccan Infantry is an applicant for the Nayar "Brigade, Travancore. I believe he is a suitable officer and shall be obliged if you will forward "his name. I think he would possibly be more suitable than Lieutenant H. A. Hill of the 88th "Carnatic Infantry whose name has already been submitted to you."

Draft telegram to the Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief is submitted.

E.K.G.—22-1-08.

V.S.M.—22-1-08.

Issue.

H.B.—23-1-08.

[Issued as telegram No. 31, dated 23rd January 1908—**VIII.**]

IX

From the Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, dated 1st February 1908, No. 538.

A draft telegram to the Government of India, Foreign department, is submitted.

H.W.—4-2-08.

V.S.M.—4-2-08.

A.G.—5-2-08.

Issue.

H.B.—5-2-08.

[Telegram issued as No. 54, dated 5th February 1908—**X**.]

XI

From the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated 13th February 1908, No. 691-I.A.

The Government of India have directed Lieutenant H. B. Leapingwell to report himself for duty as early as possible.

Draft submitted.

H.W.—14-2-08.

V.S.M.—14-2-08.

Issue.

A.G.—14-2-08.

[G.O., No. 71, Political, dated 14th February 1908.]

Government of Madras.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Recd.	1908.	*Enclosures*
Regd.		*Spare copies*

G.O., No. 72, 15th February 1908.

Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906.

Informing the Resident in Travancore and Cochin that the Government of India having decided that it is unnecessary to make arrangements at the ports of Alleppey, Quilon and Colachel for taking down depositions of masters of ships, seamen and apprentices under the provisions of section 7 (1) (*c*) of the —, no action will be taken in the matter.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

I

G.O., No. 290, Marine, dated 18th July 1907.

Abstract.—Recording letter from the Government of India, Home department (Judicial), No. 631, dated 10th May 1907, forwarding a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State drawing attention to section 7, sub-section (c) of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, which provides for the taking of depositions by judges or magistrates in British possessions regarding injuries received by masters of ships, seamen or apprentices.

II

Endorsement, No. 1368-1, Political, dated 3rd September 1907.

Communicated to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin with the request that the Government may be informed at an early date whether in his opinion it is necessary to appoint officers at the ports in Travancore and Cochin, where British ships call, to take down depositions for transmission to the Board of Trade and to furnish Government with a list of persons who might be empowered to take down such depositions.

(By order.)

A. Galletti,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

III

Letter—from R. C. C. Carr, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—Trichur, the 11th September 1907.
No.—Dis. 429.

With reference to Mr. Under Secretary Galletti's Endorsement, No. 1368-1, dated 3rd instant, I have the honour to report that in my opinion it is desirable to appoint officers at the ports in Travancore and Cochin, where British ships call, to take depositions under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906.

2. In Cochin, the only such port is Mallipuram or Native Cochin some 4 miles north of British Cochin. The Port officer of British Cochin, who is also the Master Attendant *ex-officio* of Mallipuram and is a Justice of the Peace, might be empowered to record the required depositions.

3. In Travancore there are three such ports :—

(i) Alleppey.
(ii) Quilon.
(iii) Colachel.

A fourth port has been opened near Cape Comorin, but I believe that very little business is done there. I consider that the Port officer at each port might, with the Darbar's permission, be empowered to record depositions. There is a Chief Port officer for the State and a Port officer for each of ports (i), (ii) and (iii). These Port officers are also usually magistrates.

IV

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. H. BRADLEY, C.S.I., I.C.S., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
To—Sir L. W. DANE, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., Secretary to the Government of Inda in the Foreign department.
Dated—the 5th December 1907.
No.—Ref. 1368-3.

I am directed to address you on the question whether arrangements should be made for taking down, at ports in Native States, depositions of masters of ships, seamen and apprentices under the provisions of section 7 (*c*) of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906 (6 Edw. 7, Ch. 58).

2. A copy of the Act has been forwarded to the Government of Madras by the Government of India in the Home department with the request that such action as may be necessary may be taken for the recording of depositions in accordance with the law by judges or magistrates in British possessions; and the question has arisen whether arrangements should be made for the taking down of depositions at the ports of Travancore and Cochin. The late Acting Advocate-General, Madras, who was consulted in the matter and a copy of whose opinion is enclosed, holds that as Indian Native States are foreign countries for purposes of municipal law, the only possible arrangement for recording depositions in Native States ports is to appoint Consular officers at such ports.

3. The Resident in Travancore and Cochin considers that it is desirable to appoint officers for the purpose at the ports in Travancore and Cochin at which British ships call; and has recommended that the Port officers at the Travancore ports of Alleppey, Quilon and Colachel may, with the Darbar's permission, be empowered to take down depositions. The Port officers are usually also magistrates. There are several Justices of the Peace in Travancore; but these officers have their head-quarters away from the ports. The only native port in Cochin at which British ships call is Mallipuram distant some 4 miles only from the British port of Cochin; but as the British Port officer of Cochin is *ex-officio* Master Attendant of Mallipuram and is a Justice of the Peace, it does not appear to be necessary specially to empower an officer at Mallipuram to take down depositions.

4. If the Government of India consider that the Port officers of the Travancore ports of Alleppey, Quilon and Colachel should be appointed Consular officers for recording depositions under the Workmen's Compensation Act, the Governor in Council will move the Travancore Darbar to give permission for the services of the officers mentioned to be utilized as proposed.

V

Letter—from MAJOR E. BARNES, Assistant Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign department.
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
Dated—Fort William, the 30th January 1908.
No.—490-I.A.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1368-3, dated the 5th December 1907, inquiring whether arrangements should be made for taking down, at ports in Native States, depositions of masters of ships, seamen and apprentices under the provisions of section 7 (1) (*c*) of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, and whether the Port officers of the Travancore ports of Alleppey, Quilon and Colachel should be appointed Consular officers for the purpose.

2. In reply, I am to say that there are objections to appointing Consular officers in Native States and that no further action need be taken in regard to the ports in question.

Order—No. 72, Political, dated 15th February 1908.

With reference to his letter, Dis. No. 429, dated the 11th September 1907, the Resident in Travancore and Cochin will be informed that, the Government of India having decided that it is unnecessary to make arrangements at the ports of Alleppey, Quilon and Colachel for taking down depositions of masters of ships, seamen and apprentices under the provisions of section 7 (1) (*c*) of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, no action will be taken in the matter.

(True Extract.)

J. N. Atkinson,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin (order only).
Copy to the Marine Department.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 72, POLITICAL, DATED 15TH FEBRUARY 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Depositions to be taken by Judges and Magistrates in British possessions regarding injuries received by seamen.*]

Previous papers.

G.O.,	303,	*Judicial,*	*27th Feb.*	1901.
Letter,	1119	"	*24th July*	"
G.O.,	939	"	*14th June*	1904.
"	455-6	"	*8th March*	1907.

I

From the Marine Department No. 290, *dated* 18*th July* 1907.

The Foreign Department have not asked us to move Darbars to agree to their Judges and Magistrates taking down depositions at Native States' Ports. The orders only say "British possessions." There would be no object in sending the Government Order to the Resident, as Marine have asked Political to do, unless he is at the same time told to communicate it to Darbars with the request that their officers too should take down depositions and send them to the Board of Trade.

Submitted that the Home Department may be consulted on the point. Draft submitted.

M.E.W.—12-8-07.

Is a Native State (1) a British possession or (2) a foreign country for the purpose of the Merchant Shipping Act? Please put up that Act * and the Interpretation Act. † If (1) is not the Resident a Justice of the Peace, or could not any Justice of the Peace in the States take the deposition? If (2) is the Resident in the position of a Consular officer?

* (1) 57 and 58 Vict., Cap. 60 (1894).
(2) India Act, V of 1883.
† (1) 52 and 53 Vict., Cap. 63 (1889).

A.G.—12-8-07.

The India Merchant Shipping Act V of 1883 extends to the whole of British India. British India as defined in the General Clauses Act, X of 1897, 3 (7), and the Interpretation Act, ‡ 1889, does not include Native States. Native State Ports are therefore, not British Indian Ports.

The Act in question is the English Act of 1894: See section 7 of the Act in the current file.
A.G.

‡ 52 and 53 Vic., Cap. 63.

But "India" as defined does; though not French and Portuguese possessions.
A.G.—22-8-07.

Thus, the first schedule to the Indian Ports Act, X of 1899, does not include ports in Native States.

This differentiation is further emphasised by the fact that it was found necessary when arranging for uniformity in tariff in Native States ports and British Indian ports, to declare by notification that the ports of Travancore, Cochin, Baroda, Bhavnagar and Cambay, are British Indian ports for the purposes of the Sea Customs Act VIII of 1878, and for that object alone—see note to section 3 (*e*) of the Act.

2. The Resident in Travancore and Cochin and his Assistant are ex-officio Justices of the Peace. But their head-quarters are 40 miles distant from Quilon and about 80 miles away from Allepy—the two principal Travancore ports—and communication is slow. As regards the other Justices of the Peace in Travancore, one is on the hills at Devikulam, five at Trivandrum and one at Quilon; but this latter being the Conservator of Forests is probably oftener away from than at his head-quarters at Quilon. But in any case these latter Justices of the Peace (*i.e.*, except the Resident and his Assistant) exercise their jurisdiction in virtue of the fact that they are Magistrates of the Travancore Darbar, in other words, the jurisdiction they exercise is that of the Travancore Darbar—they are Travancore Magistrates and we thus come back to the question whether the assent of the Darbars should not be obtained to their Magistrates taking down depositions and sending them to the Board of Trade.

G.O., Nos. 363-69, Political dated 20th June 1906.

See Aitchison, Vol. VIII, page 114 and papers in Government Order quoted above.

M.E.W.—22-8-07.

A | The provision applicable appears to be section 737 Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.
B | Has the power to make such appointments been delegated to the Viceroy?
C | Please put up the Indian Foreign Jurisdiction Order in Council.

A.G.—22-8-07.

Are not Native States such places?
A.G.—23-8-06.

The King has jurisdiction in Native States only over certain classes of persons—the jurisdiction is not comprehensive—See *Ilbert*, pages, 392, 393.

M.E.W.

G.O., 1214, Judicial, dated 12th August 1902.

D | The King has jurisdiction within the meaning of the Order in Council *throughout* Mysore, Hyderabad, Travancore and every other Native State?
| What is your authority for the limitation?

A.G.—23-8-07.

A. It will be observed that section 737 applies only to places outside the British Dominions in which His Majesty *has jurisdiction*.

B. Within the limits of India outside the British India (*i.e.*, including the Native States) the King's foreign jurisdiction has been delegated to the Governor-General in Council by the Indian (Foreign Jurisdiction) Order in Council, 1902 for which see—

C. Notification of the Government of India in the Foreign Department, No. 3917-I.A., dated 12th September 1902. The delegation only applies to places outside British India in which the king has jurisdiction in whatsoever manner obtained (*e.g.*, the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, the Hyderabad Residency Bazaars Railway lands in Native States, etc.), or in which he may be declared to have jurisdiction. The jurisdiction is thus a *territorial* and not a *personal* jurisdiction, and the king has no territorial jurisdiction in any of the Travancore ports. Even if the Travancore Darbar—as they no doubt will—agree to depositions being taken by their Magistrates, it seems to be a question whether such depositions taken by non-British Magistrates would be admitted in evidence in the Courts in England.

All British consuls are not British subjects, but they are British officers and depositions taken by them may be admitted.

A.G.—23-8-07.

Attention is invited to India Act V of 1883, section 6 (1), Madras Government Marine Notification No. 57, dated 24th July 1891 and India Act, XVI of 1891.

I don't see how these Indian Acts could be relevant.*

A.G.—23-8-07.

* See *Ilbert* pages, 383, 384.

M.E.W.

M.E.W.—22-8-07.

Please put up papers about the Order in Council and look up in Ilbert.

A.G.—23-8-07.

G.O., 303, Judicial, dated 27th February 1901.
G.O., 1119, Judicial, dated 29th July 1901.
G.O., 1214, Judicial, dated 12th August 1902.

Please see papers noted in margin regarding the Order in Council.

Please see Ilbert, pages 372, 373, 376, 377, 386, 387, 388–398.

D on margin above: As office understands it, the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the King cannot and does not completely overlap the jurisdiction of another Sovereign Power or even a Native Chief in respect of the territory over which such Sovereign or Chief has jurisdiction. A partial overlapping there may be and is in most States where lower types of Government or civilization prevail. The jurisdiction thus assumed or conceded is confined to particular classes of persons or cases. See *Ilbert*, pages 344, 359, 372, 392 and 398. Thus, under the Order in Council, 1902, the Governor-General in Council has jurisdiction in Native States over British subjects, European or Native Indian, Government servants and sepoys, Foreigner Europeans, the property of British subjects, etc. Jurisdiction of this nature (personal) extends throughout India, Native States included; and it is only jurisdiction of this kind that appears to be in question in the present case.

See para. 2 (*c*) of India's letter, II in G.O., 455/56, Judicial, dated 8th March 1907.

So far as the King's "personal" jurisdiction was said to be limited to particular areas in India, the statement made by office *supra* is incorrect.

M.E.W.—22-8-07.

Chief Secretary—

Please see section 7 (1) (*c*) of the English Act in the current file. The question is: who is to take a deposition if an injured sailor is left behind in a Native State port? Please see also section 737 English Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the Indian Foreign Jurisdiction Order in Council, article 4 (*b*).

If it is thought worth while to pursue the matter, the Resident may be asked whether any appointments need be made, and if he thinks they should, to suggest names. The question could then be referred to India.

A.G.—29-8-07.

His Excellency the Governor—

I hardly think we need pursue this matter any further. The Foreign office has given no instructions, and the number of cases in which men injured on British ships are landed and left behind in the ports of Native Cochin and Travancore must be exceedingly small. I therefore think that it is unnecessary to appoint officers under section 737 of the Merchant Shipping Act, or under any other Act or notification to take depositories under section 7 (1) (*c*) of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

H. BRADLEY—30-8-07.

I think that the question may just as well be settled. We may ask the Resident for names and then address India.

A. L[AWLEY]—31-8-07.

Draft please.

H.B.—2-9-07.

Draft submitted.

M.E.W.—2 9-07.

Issue.

A.G.—3-9-07.

[Issued as Endorsement No. 1368-1, dated 3rd September 1907—**II.**]

III

From the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated 11th September 1907, *No.* 429.

A draft letter to the Government of India is submitted for approval.

M.E.W.—21-9-07.

Chief Secretary—

Draft submitted; but it is submitted that it will be safer, before addressing India, to consult the Advocate-General.

A. GALLETTI—23-9-07.

Very well.

H.B.—24-9-07.

ADVOCATE-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

OPINION.

The question raised is whether in view of the letter from the Government of India, Marine department, No. 631, dated 10th May 1907, forwarding for such action as may be necessary copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State with reference to section 7 (1) (*c*) of the Workmen's Compensation Act (1906), it is necessary to make any and what arrangements for taking down depositions of masters, seamen, etc., at the ports in the Native States of Travancore and Cochin. The Resident in Travancore and Cochin has expressed the opinion that some arrangement for the purpose is desirable. The point for consideration therefore is who should be authorized to take down the depositions at these ports. Under section 7 (1) (*c*) of the Workmen's Compensation Act "when an injured master, seaman or apprentice is discharged or left behind in a British possession or in a Foreign country, depositions respecting the circumstances and nature of the injury may be taken by any Judge or Magistrate in the British possession and by *any British Consular officer* in the Foreign country, and if so taken shall be transmitted by the person by whom they are taken to the Board of Trade; and such depositions or certified copies thereof shall in any proceedings for enforcing the claim be admissible in evidence as provided by sections 691 and 695 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and those sections shall apply accordingly."

2. For purposes of Municipal law a Native State is clearly not a British possession [see definition of British possession in the Interpretation Act, 1889; 52 and 53 Vic., Ch. 63, section 18. cl. (2)]. The fact that the British Indian Government exercises control in some respects over Native States in India will not make them part of His Majesty's dominions or part of British India (see Hemchund Devchund *v.* Azam Sakarlal Chotmal, 1906 Ap. cases, p. 212, same case reported in I.L.R., 33 Cal., 219).

The expression "Foreign country" in the section means any country not included in the United Kingdom or in the British possession, or to adopt the language of section 16 of the Foreign Jurisdiction Act of 1890 (53 and 54 Vic., Ch. 37) any country or place out of His Majesty's dominions. A Native State must therefore be regarded as a "Foreign country" within the meaning of s. 7 (1) (*c*) of the Workmen's Compensation Act and a deposition can therefore be taken only by the official named in the Statute, viz., a "British Consular officer". The fact that there has been no such officer in a Native State cannot affect the construction of the Act. The reference to sections 691 and 695 of the Merchant Shipping Act is merely for the purpose of regulating the manner in which the depositions are to be admissible in evidence and not for the purpose of regulating the manner in which the depositions are to be taken. The fact that sections 691 and 695 are made applicable to the use of depositions under section 7 (1) (*c*) of the Workmen's Compensation Act cannot attract the provisions of section 737 also. Section 737 is clearly confined only to proceedings under the Merchant Shipping Act and the words "any legal proceeding" occurring in section 691 must be held to be limited to proceedings under the Merchant Shipping Act.

The only arrangement which can be possibly made is to appoint Consular officers at the ports in question Under the Indian (Foreign Jurisdiction) Order in Council, 1902, it would be competent to the Governor-General in Council to make such appointments.

MADRAS,
31*st October* 1907.

P. S. SIVASWAMI AIYAR,
Ag. Advocate-General.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Please see addition made to paragraph 2 of the draft letter to India. For orders whether it may now issue.

M.E.W.—6-11-07.

Chief Secretary—

I am afraid the name "Consular officers" will be a stumbling block if Mr. Sivaswami Aiyar is right. Draft re-submitted.

A.G.—8-11-07.

His Excellency the Governor —

Draft submitted.

H.B.—9-11-07.

It is not clear in the draft what we are asking India to do.

Please see paragraph 2 of draft.
H.B.—26-11-07.

It should be clearly stated whether we want these men to be made "Consular officers" or not. A copy of the Advocate-General's opinion should accompany the letter.

A. L[AWLEY]—25-11-07.

His Excellency the Governor—

I have slightly revised the last paragraph of the draft. We should not, I think, ask Travancore to agree to our employing their men in this way until the Government of India have decided whether they think it necessary to make them Consular officers.

H.B.—26-11-07.

Draft as amended approved.

A. [LAWLEY]—4-12-07.

Issue.

H.B.—5-12-07.

[Reference issued as No. 1368-3, dated 5th December 1907.—**IV.**]

V

From the Government of India, Foreign Department, No. 490-1-A., dated 30th January 1908.

The Government of India state that there are objections to appointing Consular officers in Native States for taking down depositions of masters of ships, seamen and apprentices under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act and that no further action need be taken in regard to the ports of Travancore and Cochin.

Draft submitted.

V.S.M.—5-2-08.

Chief Secretary.

A.G.—5-2-08.

His Excellency the Governor—

For information and approval of the draft.

H.B.—6-2-08.

A. L[AWLEY]—12-2-08.

Issue.

J. N. ATKINSON—14-2-08.

[G.O., No. 72, Political, dated 15th February 1908.]

Government of Madras.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

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G.O., No. 80, 19th February 1908.

Military Forces in Native States.

Directing that a tabular return of the — for 1907 be forwarded to the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter—from R. A. GRAHAM, Esq., I.C.S., Political Agent for Sandur.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—Bellary, the 5th January 1908.
No.—D. Dis. 2-Pol.

II

Letter—from Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD KHADIR NAVAZ KHAN SAHIB Bahadur, Political Agent for Banganapalle.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—Kurnool, the 8th January 1908.
No.—Dis. 6-Pol.

III

Letter—from R. C. C. CARR, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—Trivandrum, the 3rd January 1908.
No.—Dis. 2.

IV

Letter—from A. BUTTERWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Political Agent for Pudukkóttai.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—Trichinopoly, the 21st January 1908.
No.—Dis. 30.

V

Official Memorandum No. 48-1, Political, dated 24th January 1908.

VI

Letter—from Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD KHADIR NAVAZ KHAN SAHIB Bahadur, Political Agent for Banganapalle.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—Kurnool, the 29th January 1908.
No.—Dis. 35-Pol.

Order—No. 80, Political, dated 19th February 1908.

The returns as tabulated will be forwarded to the Government of India.

[Here enter No. 81, Political, dated 19th February 1908.]

(True Extract.)

J. N. ATKINSON,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 81.

From

THE HON'BLE MR. J. N. ATKINSON, C.S.I., I.C.S.,
Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Political Department.

To

S. H. BUTLER, ESQ., C.I.E.,
ACTING SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Dated Fort St. George, the 19th February 1908.

SIR,

With reference to the instructions contained in the correspondence ending with Foreign Department letter, No. 2181 I.A., dated the 13th June 1907, I am directed to forward a tabular return for 1907 of the military forces in the Native States which are under the political control of the Government of Madras.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. N. ATKINSON,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

[Annexure.

ANNEXURE.

RETURN of Military forces in Native States under the political control of the Government of Fort St. George for the year 1907.

In relation with	State.	Population according to census of 1901.	Estimated gross revenue.	Military forces. — Imperial Service. — Cavalry.	Imperial Service. — Infantry.	Imperial Service. — Transport Corps. — Men.	Transport Corps. — Ponies, mules or camels.	Transport Corps. — Carts.	Imperial Service. — Total number of men.	Local. — Cavalry.	Local. — Infantry.	Local. — Armed Police.	Local. — Artillery. — Men.	Artillery. — Guns. — Serviceable.	Guns. — Unserviceable.	Guns. — Total.	Local. — Total number of men.	Grand total number of men.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			RS.																
The Government of Fort St. George.	Travancore ..	2,952,157	* 94,91,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	1,442	..	30	..	6	6	1,532	1,532	* Revenue for 1906–1907. The guns are used for saluting purposes only. The cavalry is His Highness the Maharaja's personal body guard.
	Cochin	812,025	† 33,38,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	287	..	22	4	..	4	325	325	† Revenue for 1906–1907.
	Pudukkóttai ..	380,440	‡ 11,63,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	§ 110	..	..	6	21	27	129	129	‡ Average for last 5 years. § Out of the 110 men one naik and one private do the duties of the gunner.
	Banganapalle ..	32,279	‖ 2,67,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	‖ Revenue for 1906–1907. Ten muskets with bayonets have been supplied to the Banganapalle treasury and jail guards under Government of India, Foreign department, letter No. 2471-I.-A., dated the 21st June 1906. Otherwise the State Police is unarmed.
	Sandur	11,200	¶ 61,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	¶ Revenue for 1907.
	Total ..	4,188,101	1,43,20,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	95	1,839	..	52	12	27	39	1,986	1,986	

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., Nos. 80, 81, POLITICAL, DATED 19TH FEBRUARY 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Return of military forces in Native States.*]

I

From the Political Agent, Sandur, dated 5*th January* 1908, *D. Dis. No.* 2.

II

" " *Banganapalle, dated* 8*th January* 1908, *Dis. No.* 6.

III

" *Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated* 3*rd January* 1908, *Dis. No.* 2.

IV

" *Political Agent, Pudukkóttai, dated* 21*st January* 1908, *Dis. No.* 30.

[Official Memorandum to the Political Agent, Banganapalle, dated 24th January 1908, No. 48-1—V.]

VI

From the Political Agent, Banganapalle, dated 29*th January* 1908, *Dis. No.* 35-*Pol.*

The figures showing the revenue of Native States given in the returns of military forces submitted by the Resident in Travancore and Cochin and the Political Agents differ in some cases rather widely from the figures shown in the administration reports. The returns of military forces give figures for the previous calendar year and this will to some extent account for the difference, but it is not easy, even by taking this fact into consideration, to reconcile the differences shown in the revenue of Pudukkóttai and Banganapalle appearing in the returns and administration reports.

Draft submitted.

H.W.—6-2-08.

V.S.M.—6-2-08.

For Pudukkóttai please work out average of past five years, for Banganapalle of past two.

A. GALLETTI—7-2-08.

The Revenue of Pudukkóttai for the last five years is—

	RS.
1902–1903 ..	11,25,877
1903–1904 ..	11,28,174
1904–1905 ..	11,23,323
1905–1906 ..	8,90,955
1906–1907 ..	15,49,317
	58,17,646
Average ..	11,63,529

The revenue of Banganapalle for last two years is—

1905–1906 ..	2,82,364
1906–1907 ..	2,66,972
	5,49,336
Average ..	2,74,668

H.W.—7-2-08.

In the case of Banganapalle the Political Agent has taken into account the debt heads and the opening balance in calculating the gross revenues. Omittiug these, the actual revenue of the State for 1906-1907 was only Rs. 2,66,972. The return is for the year 1907 and the Political officers' figures may be taken as generally correct. But when there is so much difference between the figures as given by them and those shown in the latest reports, the latter may be adopted. In all cases the revenue may be shown in lakhs and thousands, hundreds being omitted.

See page 8 of Banganapalle report for 1906-1907.

V.S.M.—7-2-08.

Yes.

A. GALLETTI.

Pudukkóttai : take five years' average as there have been great variations. Banganapalle : latest figure will do.

Enter accordingly and put foot-notes to each of five items in column 4 showing how the figure is arrived at ; and issue.

A.G.—8-2-08

[G.O., Nos. 80, 81, Political, dated 19th February 1908.]

Government of Madras.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

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G.O., No. 86, 21st February 1908.

Acceptance of presents.

Permitting M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur S. Venkataramadas Nayudu, Diwan of Pudukkóttai, to retain the walking stick and umbrella presented to him by His Highness the Raja of Pudukkóttai.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

Letter—from A. Butterworth, Esq., I.C.S., Political Agent for Pudukkóttai.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—Trichinopoly, the 17th January 1908.
No.—Ref. on Cur. 12-O.

I have the honour to submit herewith for the orders of Government a copy of a letter, dated 7th January 1908, received from the Diwan of Pudukkóttai reporting the gift of a walking stick and a silk umbrella made to him by His Highness the Raja and requesting orders as to whether he may accept them. I see no objection to acceptation.

Enclosure.

From—M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur S. Venkataramadas Nayudu, Diwan of Pudukkóttai.
To—the Political Agent for Pudukkóttai.
Dated—the 7th January 1908.

As soon as His Highness arrived in Pudukkóttai on the 2nd instant, he gave me as a present a walking stick and a silk umbrella which he had brought with him from England; both of them have a gold band and have a gold pencil holder inserted in the handle. On the gold band the letters "S.V.R.D." are engraved.

I do not know the exact value of these but I understand that they are worth about £10.

As the gift does not seem to be one of trifling value I request that you will be good enough to report the matter to Government and ascertain their views as to what I should do with them.

Order—No. 86, Political, dated 21st February 1908.

M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur S. Venkataramadas Nayudu, Diwan of Pudukkóttai, will be permitted to retain the walking stick and umbrella presented to him by His Highness the Raja of Pudukkóttai.

(True Extract.)

J. N. Atkinson,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Political Agent for Pudukkóttai.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 86, POLITICAL, DATED 21st FEBRUARY 1908.

[Subject.—*Acceptance by the Diwan of Pudukkóttai of a walking stick and an umbrella presented him by His Highness the Raja of Pudukkóttai.*]

Previous papers.

G.O., 261-2,	*Political*,	*3rd June*	1903.
„ 335	„	*20th July*	„
„ 15	„	*6th January*	1904.
„ 391	„	*22nd July*	„
„ 50-1	„	*18th January*	1907.
„ 30	„	*14th* „	1908.

From the Political Agent for Pudukkóttai, dated 17th January 1908, *R.C. No.* 12-*O*.

The question for orders is whether Diwan Bahadur Venkata Rama Das Nayudu, Diwan of Pudukkóttai, may be allowed to retain a walking stick and a silk umbrella valued at about £10 presented to him by the Raja of Pudukkóttai.

2. In connection with the question of permitting M.R.Ry. N. Pattabhirama Rao to retain a dress, a turban, a pair of gold bangles and a gold necklace of the value of Rs. 200 altogether which were presented to him on his appointment as Diwan by the Raja of Cochin, the Government of India said that the Local Government might at their discretion authorize the retention of similar gifts of little value when offered on fixed occasions and in accordance with established custom, by any British Indian Officer who might be appointed Diwan of a Native State in this Presidency.

Para. 2 of Foreign department letter 3135-I.A., 6th July 1903 at page 3 of G.O., 335, Political, 20th July 1903.

3. In 1904, M.R.Ry. N. Pattabhirama Rao, Diwan of Cochin, was permitted on the strength of the above order to retain—

G.O., 15, Political, 6th January 1904.

(1) a shawl presented to him by the High Priest of Brahmans in Southern India on the occasion of the visit of the Raja of Cochin to Kumbakónam; and

G.O., 391, Political, 22nd July 1904.

(2) an emerald ring, a sovereign and a five franc piece presented to his wife by her friends on the occasion of his sons Namakaranam ceremony.

4. The presentation now made cannot apparently be considered as made on any "fixed occasion" but it may be "in accordance with established custom." If this view is correct then the sanction of the Government of India is not necessary for the retention of the presents in question.

See rule 2 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules, 1904.

V.S.M.—28-1-08.

The rules immediately applicable seem to be the perquisite rules which please put up.

A. Galletti—28-1-08.

Please see G.O., No. 30, Political, dated 14th January 1908, regarding the emoluments of officers lent to Native States. An occasional present does not seem to be contemplated by the rules promulgated in that order.

Perhaps the case may be regarded as coming under "established custom."

V.S.M.—31-1-08.

Chief Secretary—

A reference to India seems to be required by the rules*, but please see the disposal in G.O., No. 391, Political. 22nd July 1904, and especially Sir J. Thomson's note of 29th June 1904. India's rule is very widely expressed. It is derived from statutes which applied primarily to Europeans and makes no exception for the "common customs of humanity." It is, it is submitted, the most natural thing in the world for the Raja on returning from a long absence in Europe to bring back with him little presents for his minister and others at Pudukkóttai and the most suspicious person would not see corruption in this particular transaction. It would seem rather absurd to go up to India.

* Rule = Conduct Rules.

A.G.—1-2-08.

His Excellency the Governor—

Submitted. I think we may take the responsibility of allowing this gift to be retained.

H. BRADLEY—3-2-08.

Yes.

A. L[AWLEY]—19-2-08.

Draft.

J. N. ATKINSON—20-2-08.

Draft submitted.

V.S.M.—21-2-08.

Issue.

A.G.—21-2 08.

[G.O., No. 86, Political, dated 21st February 1908.]

Government of Madras.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

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G.O., No. 87, 21st February 1908.

Pudukkottai Transportation Regulation.

Informing the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai, that the Government have no objection to the — being issued by the Pudukkóttai Darbar, but that it must be clearly understood that no undertaking can be given that the existing system at the Andamans will be maintained.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read--the following papers:—

I

G.O., Nos. 613, 614, Political, dated 18th December 1907.

Abstract.—Addressing the Government of India on the subject of the draft Pudukkóttai Transportation Regulation and enquiring of that Government whether they see any objection to the Regulation being passed into law.

II

Letter—from H. Barnes, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign Department.
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
Dated—Fort William, the 28th January 1908.
No.—431-I.A.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 614, dated the 18th December 1907, regarding a proposal of the Pudukkóttai Darbar to issue a Transportation Regulation for the State.

2. With reference to the possibility of fundamental changes being introduced, in the near future, as regards the system of penal administration in the Andamans, you enquire whether there is any objection to the draft Regulation being passed into law.

3. In reply I am to say that in view of the fact that the proposed Regulation can at any time be rescinded and that it is not possible at present to forecast the form the proposals about the Andamans will ultimately take, the Government of India have no objection to the Regulation being issued by the Pudukkóttai Darbar. It must, however, be clearly understood that the Government of India can give no undertaking that the existing system at the Andamans will be maintained.

Order—No. 87, Political, dated 21st February 1908.

With reference to the correspondence ending with G.O., No. 613, Political, dated the 18th December 1907, the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai, will be informed that the Government have no objection to the Transportation Regulation being issued by the Pudukkóttai Darbar.

2. The Government observe that the passing of the Regulation will entail the transfer to the Andamans or other British penal settlements of life convicts now in the Pudukkóttai Central Jail and in future of all prisoners sentenced to transportation for life by the Chief Court of Pudukkóttai. But it must be clearly understood that no undertaking can be given that the existing system at the Andamans will be maintained.

(True Extract.)

J. N. Atkinson,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai (heading of II and order).

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 87, POLITICAL, DATED 21st FEBRUARY 1908.

[Subject.—*Transportation Regulation for the Pudukkóttai State.*]

Previous papers.

G.O.,	100–01,	*Political, 28th February*	1902.
"	20–1	" *21st January*	1903.
"	342	" *23rd July*	"
"	383	" *19th August*	"
"	473	" *12th September*	1904.
"	1571,	*Judicial, 2nd October*	1905.
"	242,	*Political, 5th April*	1906.
"	884,	*Judicial, 25th May*	"
"	2128	" *22nd December*	"

I

G.O., 613–14, *Political, 18th December* 1907.

II

From the Government of India, Foreign department, dated 28th January 1908, *No.* 431-*I.A.*

The Government of India were requested in Letter No. 614, Political, dated 18th December 1907, to inform this Government whether, in view of the fact that the question of abolishing the penal settlement of Port Blair or, in the alternative, of introducing fundamental changes in the existing system of penal administration in the Andamans was under the consideration of the Government of India, they saw any objection to the draft Transportation Regulation proposed by the Pudukkóttai Darbar being passed into law.

2. The Government of India say that, as the proposed Regulation may at any time be rescinded and as it is not possible at present to forecast the form the proposals about the Andamans will ultimately take, they have no objection to the Regulation being issued, but that it must be clearly understood that they can give no undertaking that the existing system at the Andamans will be maintained.

Draft submitted.

H.W.—8-2-08.
V.S.M.—10-2-08.

Chief Secretary.

A. Galletti—11-2-08.

His Excellency the Governor—

Draft submitted.

H. Bradley—12-2-08.
A. L[awley]—19-2-08.

Issue.

J. N. Atkinson—20-2-08.

[G.O., No. 87, Political, dated 21st February 1908.]